

## POLICE PROTECTION

The Police Department of Thomasville has a very important function to perform in the local government in that it must provide law and order and the protection of life and property for the City's citizens.

### Personnel and Training

The Thomasville Police Department is currently staffed with 27 men, including the Chief who is the administrator of the department. There are four patrolmen presently assigned in each shift to cover the City. Three divisions within the department are: uniform, records and detective, and traffic engineering maintenance.

Personnel receive their training by attending special schools in nearby cities and at special schools sponsored by the State. Firearm training is offered by the Policeman's Association at its pistol range located adjacent to the Hamby Creek Waste Plant. The City is working on a training program to supplement the training provided by State schools and training received at schools offered by other municipalities.

### Major Police Equipment

The major equipment of the department consists of three patrol cars, one detective car, and two pick-up trucks (one for animal control and the other for traffic engineer maintenance purposes). One three-wheeled motorcycle is used for parking regulation purposes. The two cars are replaced each year because of their excessive use. The Chief of Police is not furnished a City vehicle and uses his own car; however, he does receive mileage compensation. Communication equipment is contained in all vehicles, including the Chief's personal car. The department also has other important related equipment for crime detection, and is gradually upgrading and improving its equipment. Major equipment needs are spelled out in the list of recommendations at the end of this section.